

HB 2421 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Health Care

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates the Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force. Specifies Task Force membership. Requires Task Force to develop a sustainable plan to raise awareness and design ongoing public information campaign about kidney disease. Directs Task Force to report on activities and plan to the interim committees related to health no later than December 31, 2022, and annually thereafter. Directs Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to provide staff. Allows OHA to accept financial assistance from public or private sources. Repeals Task Force on January 2, 2028.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Chronic kidney disease and its complications
- End-stage renal disease, dialysis, and impact of disease on communities of color
- Impact of COVID-19 on individuals with kidney disease

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Modifies membership to include representation from communities of color, public health clinics, and community health centers. Expands scope of the Task Force to include consideration of cultural differences and develop strategies to provide historically disadvantaged communities with information regarding kidney disease. Directs the Task Force to work with OHA to align kidney awareness campaigns with existing public awareness campaigns. Directs the Legislative Policy and Research Offices (LPRO) to provide staff. Allows LPRO to apply or accept public or private funding.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND:

Chronic kidney disease occurs when the kidneys are damaged and cannot filter blood, resulting in excess fluid and waste from blood remaining in the body, potentially leading to other health problems, such as heart disease and stroke. There are five stages of kidney disease, with end-stage renal disease (ESRD) occurring at stage five. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 15 percent of adults have chronic kidney disease; of those, two percent have ESRD. There were approximately 1,600 ESRD patients in Oregon in 2017. The only treatment options for a patient with ESRD are kidney transplant or dialysis.

Awareness of chronic kidney disease among adults in the United States is low, according to the CDC, though the prevalence of the disease has increased in the past decade. Research indicates improving access to primary and specialty care for adults with diabetes can increase testing and awareness of chronic kidney disease and improve the health of diabetes patients..

House Bill 2421 creates the Oregon Kidney Disease Prevention and Education Task Force to promote awareness of chronic kidney disease.